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Chapter 31: cooperate

Early the next morning, Qin Tian arrived at the Krupp headquarters by car. Because Karl had already made an appointment in advance, when Qin Tian arrived, Miss Beta Krupp, the current helm of the Krupp company, was already waiting at the entrance of the building.

"Miss Krupp, I'm really sorry for the long wait!" Qin Tian apologized.

The Krupp family has always been the pillar of German militarism and is favored by the country's highest authorities. It is the tradition of this family to keep time, follow discipline and follow orders. Taking meal time as an example, breakfast is at 7:15, and those who arrive at 7:16 will find that the restaurant is closed and others have already started eating. In addition, even in the severe winter, the Krupp family members refused to turn on the fireplace, deliberately making the office cold so as not to become listless... It can be said that this family is completely a standard model.

"Your Highness, it is an honor for the Krupp family and the entire company that you can come to our Krupp company. Now the entire German Empire is spreading your legend. I think you are an unparalleled business genius. I also I have long wanted to discuss business exchanges with you." Beta Krupp smiled.

"Miss Krupp, this is also my honor." Qin Tian was very humble.

Beta Krupp, granddaughter of Krupp founder Alfred Krupp, daughter of the second-generation president Friedrich Alfred Krupp. In 1902, Krupp's second-generation president, Friedrich Alfred Krupp, committed suicide because of a homosexual scandal exposed by the press, leaving only one daughter, Beta Krupp. However, it is too inconceivable in Germany that the Krupp weapons empire is controlled by young women. Krupp is too important to Germany. Most of the naval guns of the navy and the artillery of the army are produced by Krupp.

Qin Tian knew that next year Wilhelm II would personally choose a husband for Beta Krupp. The Prussian diplomat Gustav von Pollen Under Halbahey will be the last candidate. Of course, after Gustav entered the Krupp family and took control of the Krupp company, it also enabled the Krupp company to start a new round of development and become the world's top arms group.

Of course, Krupp is still under the leadership of him, Ms. Krupp, and is working hard to maintain it.

Led by Ms. Beta Krupp, Qin Tian began to visit the headquarters of Krupp. In fact, it's just the company's headquarters. There are no factories and production workshops, and there is nothing to see. The only thing that can be experienced is probably the corporate culture of Krupp. The frugal, diligent and rigorous work style made Qin Tian sigh with emotion. This may be the reason why Krupp was able to succeed.

After a brief visit, Qin Tian and Ms. Beta Krupp returned to the office.

"Your Highness, what is the purpose of your visit this time?" Beta Krupp asked straight to the point when there were only the two of them left in the office.

Although Qin Tian is young, the German Welfare Lottery Company founded by Qin Tian has already been hailed as the most profitable company in the entire German Empire. One year's profit, even the huge Krupp company may not be able to compare with it.

"Miss Krupp, this time I am here to place an order with your company." Qin Tian said with a smile.

"Place an order? What does His Royal Highness need to buy?" Miss Beta Krupp asked in surprise.

Qin Tian's purchase of the Royal Shipyard is currently only known to a very small number of people.

"Miss Krupp, I have acquired the Royal Shipyard from the royal family. And it has been renamed Deutschland Shipyard."

"The Royal Shipyard, the shipyard in Danzig?" Beta Krupp frowned. Royal Shipyard is nothing more than a medium-sized shipyard. This is too small for Miss Beta Krupp.

"His Royal Highness, is this going to get involved in the shipbuilding industry? The steel required by the Royal Shipyard is purchased directly from us. I promise, I will give His Royal Highness the best price." In the view of Beta Krupp, the Royal The shipyard is just a medium-sized shipyard, and it doesn't use much steel every year.

"In this case, that would be the best. It is expected that from the second half of the year, we will officially start building ships. It is estimated that we will need about 80,000 tons of steel, including 20,000 tons of armor steel. What we need is The highest quality armor steel." Qin Tian was very satisfied. So much steel, especially armor steel, requires a lot of money. Miss Beta Krupp can give the most favorable price, which will undoubtedly save him a lot of money.

"Huh? So much steel? There are 20,000 tons of armor steel?" Miss Beta Krupp was shocked. Obviously she realized that because of her words, Krupp would lose a lot of profits.

"His Royal Highness, isn't the Royal Shipyard a medium-sized shipyard? Why does it need so much steel?" Miss Beta Krupp asked.

"Yes, Miss Krupp. The Royal Shipyard is indeed only a medium-sized shipyard. However, Deutsche Werft is a large shipyard. After I bought the Royal Shipyard, I invested hundreds of millions of marks in its maintenance. Expansion. So, this shipyard has been reborn." Qin Tian smiled happily. He was very happy to be able to take advantage of a strong business woman like Miss Beta Krupp.

Miss Beta Krupp nodded, although she lost a lot of profits because of her promise. However, there is still a profit in the end. Moreover, Qin Tian's order quantity is so large, the cooperation between the two parties will definitely not be less in the future. If you establish a long-term cooperative relationship, you will definitely be able to obtain more lucrative profits.

"His Royal Highness is really generous! You can invest huge sums of money to expand the shipyard. You must be able to succeed in this industry." Ms. Beta Krupp said.

"Miss Krupp, in addition to steel and armor steel, I also hope to order a batch of naval guns from Krupp. This is the design drawing. I believe there is absolutely no big problem for Krupp Yes." From the briefcase, Qin Tian put the blueprint of the triple-mounted 305mm 50-caliber main gun on the coffee table.

Krupp can be said to be the best artillery manufacturer in Germany. If Qin Tian wants to order a 305mm naval gun, looking for them is the best choice.

"Naval gun? Triple-mounted 305mm main gun, or fifty times the caliber?" Beta Krupp frowned suddenly.

Chapter 32: caliber is truth

"His Royal Highness, Krupp has just completed the development of the 280mm main gun. We have successfully implemented rapid-fire on the 280mm main gun, which has greatly improved the rate of fire. If it is a 305mm main gun, there are only old-fashioned 305mm main guns at present. In addition, we have never manufactured a triple-mounted 305mm main gun. Our engineers believe that when the main gun salvo is formed, the muzzle storm formed will affect the accuracy of the main gun. It has a fatal impact." Miss Beta Krupp shook her head.

"Miss Krupp, Krupp represents the most advanced artillery manufacturing level in Germany. I believe that Krupp will be able to manufacture naval guns that meet my requirements." Qin Tian shook his head. Although the 280mm main gun is good, the armor-piercing ability is too weak after all.

Although, the armor-piercing capability of the 280mm main gun manufactured by Krupp even surpasses the 305mm main gun of the British Navy. However, Qin Tian was still not satisfied with it. You know, in another time and space. Among the several dreadnoughts of the German Navy, the 'Nassau-class' battleships are equipped with 280mm main guns, and the following battleships, except for the 'Bavaria-class' battleships which are equipped with 380mm main guns, the rest are equipped with 305mm main gun. The battleships of the British Navy are equipped with 305mm main guns, 343mm main guns and 381mm main guns. In terms of the caliber of the main gun, the German Navy is at a disadvantage. Despite the good performance, the performance of the main guns of the German Navy is no worse than that of the British Navy. But if the German Navy can not lag behind the British in terms of caliber from the beginning, this will undoubtedly make the German Navy's battleships more powerful.

In future naval battles, it can pose a greater threat to the British Navy. You must know that the British Navy originally sacrificed defense in pursuit of firepower and speed. In front of the powerful main gun of the German Navy, this is clearly a dumpling with thin skin and big stuffing.

"Your Highness, this is really too difficult. The triple 305mm 50-caliber main gun you requested is completely beyond our current capabilities." Ms. Beta Krupp shook her head. Now the main naval gun promoted by Krupp is still 280mm and 45 times the caliber. It was more than a star and a half behind the 305mm 50-caliber main gun that Qin Tian requested.

Although, with Krupp's scientific research strength, if it invests a huge amount of money, it may not be impossible to develop the main gun requested by Qin Tian in a short period of time. However, such an investment is somewhat too large.

"Miss Krupp, our purchase quantity will exceed 12 seats and 36 doors. And this is only the first phase. Maybe we will purchase some in the second phase. Such a quantity is already very large!" Qin God persuaded.

"More than 12 seats and 36 doors?" Beta Krupp was lost in thought. For large-caliber artillery, such a purchase quantity is not too small. However, after investing a huge amount of money in research and development, Krupp will not make any profits in this regard, and may even experience certain losses.

"Miss Krupp, although Krupp is the top arms manufacturer in Germany, I have to admit that compared with the British arms company, we have lagged behind seriously in terms of the caliber of the main gun. The British The new 305mm main gun is probably finalized. They have even started research and development of a larger caliber main gun. If we don't catch up, we will be left farther behind by the British. In this way, once the war breaks out, we may be at a disadvantage. I am afraid this is not what Miss Krupp wants to see!" Qin Tian said.

The Krupp family and the German Empire have long been tied together, the so-called prosperity and prosperity, and the loss and loss. Once the German Empire fails in future wars, the Krupp family will inevitably suffer heavy losses.

If war breaks out in the future, the Krupp family naturally hopes that the German Empire can win. In this way, their arms empire can also gain greater benefits along with Germany's victory. After all, once a war starts, a lot of weapons and ammunition are needed. It is obviously impossible for the country to immediately take out cash to purchase in the middle of a war. It is often only after the end of the war that it is paid out of the war dividend. Once you lose, you will naturally lose everything.

Miss Beta Krupp did not make a decision immediately, but thought it over carefully. Indeed, in terms of the 305mm main gun ordered by Qin Tian, Krupp hardly has much profit in scientific research. But if Qin Tian continues to order more large-caliber main guns, Krupp will still be profitable after all. However, because of the huge investment in research and development, the profit will not be too large.

Of course, many times the accounts cannot be calculated like this. Although on the surface they don't make much profit, they can make up for it in other ways.

"His Royal Highness, is Deutschland Shipyard ordering so much steel, armor, and main guns to build the next-level battleship for the navy? However, I have not received relevant information!" Ms. Beta Krupp frowned. He frowned.

If the German Navy starts building the next level of capital ships, it will definitely be a big deal. Judging from the information Ms. Beta Krupp received, it seems that the Navy has no such plan. The last three of the German Navy's "Brunswick-class" battleships, as well as the "Deutschland-class" battleships, are still under intense construction. At least until these battleships under construction are almost completed, they will not consider the next level of battleships.

Qin Tian nodded: "That's true. However, I started the construction first because of my commitment to the navy. However, if the battleship I built is approved by the navy, then it will become the navy's next-level ship. Capital ships. Even the capital ships of the next level will be built by my shipyard.

I hope to have a long-term cooperation with Krupp. Because this is very beneficial to both of us. "

"Your Highness, can you guarantee that the battleship you build will definitely win the favor of the navy?" Miss Beta Krupp looked serious.

"Of course, if I can't be accepted by the navy, then I have to repay the debt of 200 million marks. Although, that is nothing to me. However, 200 million marks is a big amount after all." Qin Tianyi Confidence in the face.

Beta Krupp hesitated for a moment, and a flash of determination flashed in his eyes: "Okay, Your Royal Highness, I hope we can cooperate happily!"

"Happy cooperation, Miss Krupp. Soon you will find that you have made a wise choice today. However, I still want to remind miss that the caliber is the truth. The caliber of the main gun must be continuously expanded. It is best to Fifty times the caliber. In this case, it will be more powerful." Qin Tian reminded.

Beta? Krupp nodded heavily.

Chapter 33: Power Company (for collection)

In naval battles, the main gun has a larger caliber, which is undoubtedly cheaper. Qin Tian hopes that Ms. Beta Krupp and other leaders of Krupp in the future can understand this and increase research on large-caliber main guns so that Germany can no longer be defeated by the British in this regard. Leave behind.

It can be a time and space, and the German navy is undoubtedly at a disadvantage in terms of the caliber of the main gun. Against the British 305mm main gun, 343mm main gun and 381mm main gun with 280mm main gun, 305mm main gun and 380mm main gun. Although, the excellent quality of the German military industry made it possible for the German Navy to deal with the British with smaller caliber main guns. Coupled with the British Navy's shell fuze problem, the German Navy has an even greater advantage. But if the German Navy's main gun caliber is not weaker than that of the British Navy at the beginning, wouldn't it have a greater chance of winning?

Now, Qin Tian undoubtedly hopes to promote the accelerated development of Germany's military industry by his own power. So that Germany can have a greater chance of winning in future wars.

"I hope Miss Krupp can follow her promise and speed up the development of large-caliber main guns!" Qin Tian couldn't help but think after getting on the car for the return trip. Although Miss Beta Krupp is an outstanding female businessman, she is still lacking in courage. It is a pity that Gustav has not joined the Krupp family yet. Otherwise, with Gustav Krupp, there would be fewer problems. As a leader who can lead the Krupp military industry empire to a new height, Gustav Krupp is undoubtedly more farsighted.

Qin Tian gave Krupp two years to develop a new type of large-caliber main gun. The expansion at Deutsche Werft will not be completed until the second half of the year. At that time, the construction of the "Nassau-class" battleship will start. For the German shipyard that has never had experience in building battleships, two years should be almost enough to launch the "Nassau-class" battleship. At that time, the large-caliber main gun developed by Krupp will just catch up with the outfitting.

An excellent battleship should achieve a balance of speed, firepower and defense. Too much emphasis on a certain aspect of performance will greatly reduce the performance of the battleship.

Both the armor and the main guns were handed over to the Krupp company, which basically solved the defense and firepower problems of the "Nassau-class" battleships. As long as Krupp can fulfill its promise and does not lose the chain at critical times, there should be no problems.

Next, the remaining element is speed, which is directly determined by the power system of the battleship.

The "Nassau-class" battleship designed by Qin Tian uses a combination of oil-fired boilers and steam turbines. In this way, the power of the battleship can be maximized, making the battleship have stronger power, faster speed, and longer cruising range.

As for steam turbines, Qin Tian has already sent people to the United States to purchase Curtis steam turbine related technologies. Now, the steam turbine invented by Curtis has not received much attention. It also made his company miserable. In the case of imminent bankruptcy, it is undoubtedly the best time to start. Facing the purchase from Germany, Curtis had no choice but to accept it.

As long as a full set of related technologies is obtained, and German engineers are called to carry out research and development, it is bound to be possible to develop a steam turbine with more powerful performance on this basis.

As for the oil-fired boiler, Qin Tian had to entrust Sulzer Boiler Company, the largest boiler manufacturer for German military warships, to carry out research and development. Oil-fired boilers are much more powerful than coal-fired boilers. On a battleship, it is obviously easier to store fuel oil than coal.

Although Germany lacks oil, German boiler manufacturers also have technical reserves in oil-fired boilers. However, this is not suitable for the national conditions of Germany. Therefore, the boilers manufactured before are almost all coal-fired boilers. After all, Germany's Ruhr area has abundant coal support, unlike oil, which needs to be imported from abroad. There is no need to worry about being stuck in the neck after the war breaks out.

Qin Tian placed an order for 48 oil-fired boilers to Sulzer Boiler Company in one go, which greatly encouraged Sulzer Company. With 48 oil-fired boilers, the profit is not low. Even they still need to invest money in research and development of some key technologies. But this is nothing to Sulzer Boiler Company.

What's more, Qin Tian also guaranteed that the 48 boilers were only the first batch of orders. In the future, Deutsche Shipyard will purchase more oil-fired boilers. Of course, Qin Tian also asked Sulzer Boiler Company to invest more funds in research and development in order to develop boilers with better performance.

As the tonnage of warships increases, the armor will become thicker and the weight of the main gun will also become heavier. Under such circumstances, more powerful boilers and steam turbines are needed to drive them. Otherwise, the speed of the battleship will be seriously affected.

In actual combat, there will be a situation where you cannot catch up with the enemy ship, and at the same time cannot escape the pursuit of the enemy ship, and this is almost fatal.

Sulzer Boiler Company, of course, fully agreed to Qin Tian's request, and they also hope to reach a cooperation agreement with the big customer Deutsche Werft. In this way, they can make greater profits.

At the end of January 1905, Qin Tian left Berlin and went to Augsburg in Bavaria. His purpose at this time is to find a technical expert to join his new company.

That's right, Qin Tian is now planning to establish his own new company. The name has already been thought of, it is called Deutsche Dynamics Manufacturing Company. The company's main products will be various engines, including automobile engines, steam turbines for warships, aircraft engines, and diesel engines for submarines.

However, although the company has been registered, it has already begun to recruit people. But the new company lacks the technical masters who can hold the scene. Qin Tian had no choice but to turn his mind to Diesel, the father of the diesel engine.

As the inventor of the diesel engine, Diesel is undoubtedly a genius. Because of his invention, human beings can achieve a leap in the field of engines. If he can join Qin Tian's company, it will undoubtedly enable Qin Tian to achieve greater achievements in the field of diesel engines. The engines of future tanks and submarines will all need to be powered by diesel engines.

Of course, Qin Tian also has another purpose, which is to save Diesel, a genius, from dying prematurely.

Chapter 34: Diesel

Diesel is undoubtedly one of the greatest inventors in the field of internal combustion engines. The diesel engine he invented had a huge impact on the society of later generations. Taking Diesel under his command in advance will ensure that he will greatly lead his opponents in the field of diesel engines in the future.

Diesel engines are widely used, but what Qin Tian values most is the application in tanks, armored vehicles, heavy trucks and submarines. These are inseparable from the military field.

Diesel's full name is Rudolf Diesel. He was born in Paris, France in March 1858. His parents are German workers working in France. After France and Germany turned against each other, the Diesel family was deported back to Germany. Family life also became difficult.

In 1879, Diesel, who was only 21 years old, graduated from University. He became a refrigeration professional engineer. At work, Diesel deeply felt that the efficiency of the steam engine at that time was extremely low, and he had the idea of designing a new type of engine. After saving some money, Diesel quit his job as a refrigeration engineer and started an engine laboratory of his own.

After many failures, Diesel's experiment finally succeeded. In 1892, Diesel was finally able to show the world what he had achieved - a practical diesel-powered compression ignition engine. This kind of engine has high power, low fuel consumption, can use low-quality fuel, and shows brilliant development prospects. Diesel then threw himself into the business venture of diesel engine production. Unfortunately, as a good engineer, Diesel lacked business acumen. He was getting into trouble financially. In 1913 Diesel was on the verge of bankruptcy. This summer, Diesel suddenly disappeared

while taking a ferry in the English Channel. It is believed that he committed suicide by throwing himself into the sea.

Qin Tian went to Augsburg this time, hoping to save Diesel and change his fate. At the same time, he was also a scientist who kept a national treasure for Germany.

As the third largest city in Bavaria, Augsburg is relatively prosperous. Qin Tian went directly to Diesel's office according to the address he had inquired before.

Diesel's office is located in the suburbs, because the rent there is cheaper. It is said to be an office, but it is actually an abandoned factory. It was here that Diesel conducted countless experiments and invented the diesel engine.

However, although Diesel succeeded. However, the commercial operation of the diesel engine he invented was not smooth, and the market acceptance was not high, and no buyers were even found. This also made the investors who had been funding Diesel's research before stop supporting Diesel because they could not see the hope of making a profit. As a result, Diesel was on the brink of bankruptcy.

"Excuse me, is Mr. Diesel there?" Qin Tian couldn't help frowning after finding the place. Of course, he can also understand. The fate of Diesel's life was rough, and it is inevitable that he is living in distress now.

Not long after, the door opened. A middle-aged man in black overalls appeared in front of Qin Tian.

"I am, who are you?" The middle-aged man frowned, he didn't know the young man in front of him.

"Mr. Diesel, hello, I came here just because of the reputation. I heard that you invented an engine with high power, low fuel consumption, and can use low-quality fuel." Qin Tian asked.

Diesel nodded, this is no secret.

"come in!"

After entering the yard, Qin Tian found that it was even more messy inside. Engine parts were piled up everywhere, and the oil gave off a foul smell. It can be seen that the working conditions here are very simple.

"That's the diesel engine I developed. However, not many people in the market accept it." Diesel's eyes looked a little bleak.

Qin Tian nodded, Diesel's current situation can be described as very bad. Although the diesel engine designed by Diesel can be called an epoch-making product. However, it was criticized and excluded by competitors. Coupled with Diesel's lack of business acumen, he lost a lot of money in stocks, making his life in trouble.

Qin Tian looked at the diesel engine that could be called crude. However, he knew that any invention and creation, the things developed at the beginning, would not be so beautiful. With the continuous advancement of science and technology, it can naturally be improved in all aspects.

"Mr. Diesel, this is a good invention, and I am very optimistic about its application prospects." Qin Tian said.

"I believe it too, but unfortunately, I'm afraid I won't last until that day." Diesel's eyes were full of despair.

"No, Mr. Diesel, I believe you will overcome the difficulties." Qin Tian said firmly.

Diesel was taken aback for a moment, as if he hadn't thought about why Qin Tian was so confident.

"Let me introduce myself. My name is Oscar, the fifth name of Kaiser Wilhelm II of the German Empire. At the same time, Deutsche Welfare Lottery Company and Deutsche Shipyard are also my industries. In addition, I have just registered a company called Deutsche Engine Works I hope you can join us." Qin Tian looked solemn.

"What? Prince Oscar?" Diesel was dumbfounded.

Deutsche Welfare Lottery Company, of course Diesel knows that this company is known as the most profitable company. Although Deutsche Werft does not know, if it is really a company owned by Prince Oscar, the scale will obviously not be so small.

"Hello, Your Royal Highness!" Diesel wanted to reach out to shake Qin Tian's hand, but when he realized that his hand was full of engine oil, he quickly retracted it.

"Hello, Mr. Diesel. Would you like to join my company? I can purchase your technology patents and give you enough research and development funds to continue your research! The initial price is set at five million Mark. Of course, if you are not satisfied, we can talk again." Qin Tian was very generous about this. Although he is now heavily in debt. However, with the support of the Deutsche Welfare Lottery Company, he does not have much financial pressure.

"Five million marks?" Diesel was shocked. This is undoubtedly a sky-high price for him. You know, when he was the richest, his net worth did not exceed one million marks.

"If you agree, I can build a research and development center in Augsburg, and the future factory can also be placed here. In this way, you don't have to leave your hometown. However, I hope you can continue to develop diesel engines and study A diesel engine with higher reliability, greater power, and smaller volume. I believe that the future of this engine will be very bright!"

Chapter 35: Moroccan crisis

Under Qin Tian's sincere invitation, Diesel agreed to join Qin Tian's engine manufacturing company. Qin Tian bought all the patents of Diesel's diesel engine at a price of five million marks.

At the same time, Qin Tian hired Diesel as the chief engineer of the Diesel Engine Division of Deutsche Engine Manufacturing Company, responsible for further research on diesel engines. Soon, Qin Tian will invest at least 20 million marks to build a research and development center and factory in Augsburg, so as to be able to produce highly reliable diesel engines as soon as possible.

In May 1905, Deutsche Engine Manufacturing Company was formally established. In addition to the previously established Diesel Engine Division, there are also Steam Turbine Division and Gasoline Engine Division. In the future, there will be an aero-engine division. To ensure that they can fully cover the

three aspects of sea, land and air. Of course, Qin Tian still values military use. After the army enters the era of mechanization in the future, there will be a great demand for various high-power engines, which will be related to the combat effectiveness of the army. Starting the layout from now on will undoubtedly ensure that Germany will be ahead of all countries in the world in this regard.

Qin Tian's career has officially entered a period of rapid development. Deutsche Shipyard is starting a large-scale expansion. With massive capital investment, this medium-sized shipyard that has been established for hundreds of years is undergoing earth-shaking changes. Deutsche Engine Manufacturing Company, although it has only just started. However, in the field of diesel engines and steam turbines, because of the acquisition of a complete set of technologies, it has already been at the forefront of the world. Qin Tian is organizing engineers to conduct research on the Curtis steam turbine technology obtained from the United States, trying to understand it as soon as possible, and then create a large steam turbine that can be used on battleships, so that the battleships they build can have faster speeds.

Although Qin Tian knew that this road was very difficult. However, he also enjoys the feeling of changing the world in his own right. Even now, his influence on Germany and the history of the world is still very small. But Qin Tian believed that this was a very good start. As long as he can continue to develop, the influence he can produce will increase. Before long, Germany will also undergo tremendous changes because of him. Of course, the inertia of history is still very strong. Qin Tian is not sure whether Germany will win the war and change the future destiny because of Qin Tian's appearance. All he can do is to do his best so that Germany can win.

While Qin Tian's career was developing rapidly, Germany encountered a diplomatic crisis. German diplomacy suffered a major failure. The entire German society was filled with righteous indignation. This also made the world situation become tense.

Morocco, a country located in northwest Africa. Western powers have invaded Morocco since the 15th century. After entering the 20th century, the situation in Morocco became more chaotic and complicated. France and Spain, competing for their respective interests in Morocco. At the same time, German capital also poured into Morocco in large quantities.

In April 1904, Britain and France signed an agreement, France promised not to interfere with Britain's actions in Egypt, and Britain recognized Morocco as France's sphere of influence. But this violated German interests in Morocco.

In February 1905, France asked Morocco to carry out reforms under French supervision in an attempt to make Morocco a protectorate of France. Germany immediately countered. On March 31, Kaiser Wilhelm II visited the Moroccan city of Tangier, declaring that Germany would maintain Morocco's independence and that foreign countries would have absolute equality in Morocco. Then the German Prime Minister Bilow suggested to all countries participating in the 1880 "Madrid Treaty" that the Morocco issue should be submitted to an international conference for discussion.

"Madrid Treaty" stipulates that all foreign countries and their citizens enjoy the right to trade and other rights in Morocco shall be equal. Germany's note to France threatened war, and French Foreign Minister T. Delcasse took a tough stance, backed by Britain. The situation became tense.

On June 6, there was a fierce debate in the French cabinet meeting, and Delcasse was forced to resign. Prime Minister M. Rouvier also served as foreign minister and continued negotiations with Germany.

An agreement was reached on July 8. The two sides agreed to hold an international meeting of the participating countries of the Madrid Treaty to discuss the Morocco issue.

However, Germany clearly has no upper hand on the Morocco issue.

In the German Imperial Palace, Wilhelm II held an imperial meeting. Prime Minister Bernhard von Bülow, Foreign Minister von Kidrun Wachtel, Chief of the General Staff Moltke, Minister of War von Falkenhain, Minister of the Navy Tirpitz and Crown Prince Wilhelm, attended for this meeting.

As for Qin Tian, although his performance in the past year is completely different from before. Also received the attention of William II. However, in general, Qin Tian is not yet qualified to attend such an important meeting.

"Father, we absolutely can't continue to endure. What the French did in Morocco completely ignored our interests in Morocco. This is a damage to the interests of the German Empire and a trample on the sovereignty of the German Empire. We absolutely cannot compromise any more. We must use our strong military strength to let the French see our determination and make them retreat." Crown Prince William's impassioned voice echoed in the office.

On the Morocco issue, Crown Prince William's attitude is very tough. Because he knows that this represents the voice of the people. The military's position is also very tough. If he does this, he will undoubtedly get more support and further stabilize his position as crown prince.

Qin Tian's recent development has made Crown Prince William feel a deep crisis. He needs to find ways to ensure the stability of his crown prince status.

"Your Majesty, the people in the country are also quite emotional. Most people think that we can no longer retreat. Otherwise, the interests of the empire overseas will not be guaranteed." Prime Minister Biluo also said.

Germany was unified only in 1870, although the subsequent development was very rapid. However, they only discovered it after they became a world-class power. The world has already been divided up. In the tide of dividing up the world, Germany only got some insignificant colonies. This is completely inconsistent with Germany's strong economic and military strength. In addition, Britain, France and other countries set up trade barriers in their respective colonies, making it impossible for German industrial products to enter, which made Germany more and more dissatisfied with Britain, France and other countries.

The Morocco incident this time happened to arouse the anger of the German people.

Chapter 36: Obvious disadvantages (for collection)

William II only frowned. If tough measures were to be taken, then the possibility of war would be very high. Will Germany be able to win the war by then?

"The French have the support of the British and Russians. So their attitude is very tough. If we continue to be tough, I am afraid it will lead to war." Foreign Minister von Kidren Wachter was a little worried.

"Your Excellency, Minister of Foreign Affairs, you are too worried. The French are nothing more than a Gallic chicken with a glamorous appearance. We have defeated them once more than thirty years ago. At that time, we were only Prussians It's just a kingdom. Now, we have unified the entire German Empire. Our strength has improved many times compared to more than 30 years ago. The French simply don't have the guts to go to war with us. Even if they have the support of the British and Russians , so what? We have the world's largest army and the world's second largest navy. Even if a war does break out, we will not necessarily lose." With a smile on his face, William II looked forward to the future The war seems very optimistic.

"Your Excellency, Chief of the General Staff, is our army ready?" William II looked at the Chief of the General Staff, Mao Qi.

"My lord, the army can be mobilized at any time. All mobilization can be completed within three months. The French army is simply vulnerable, and it is impossible to withstand our attack. However, we have to worry about the British and Russians. During the Franco-Prussian War, we received support from other countries. But this time, they are on the side of the French. Once we send troops to France, the British will inevitably reinforce France. And the Russians will also follow from Our east side threatens us. Therefore, the army cannot use all its strength to deal with the French. This will seriously restrict our military strength, which will change the situation of the war." Little Mao Qi analyzed. Although he believes that the German Army is very strong, he does not think that the German Army will be able to defeat the French with the full support of Britain and France.

"Your Excellency, Chief of Staff, we also have allies. Once war breaks out, the Austro-Hungarian Empire and the Kingdom of Italy will not stand by. According to the alliance we signed at the beginning, they will fulfill the alliance and help fight. At that time, as long as we use To defeat the French in the shortest time, we will win." Crown Prince William said excitedly. It was as if everything was under his control.

It's just that he was a little carried away, so that he didn't see William II's displeased face and the slightly upturned corners of the mouths of other ministers. In their view, Crown Prince William was considered outstanding among his peers. But still too young and too inexperienced.

The Austro-Hungarian Empire is indeed a staunch ally of the German Empire. Once the war breaks out, they will definitely fight with Germany. But unfortunately, the current Austro-Hungarian Empire is like a long-term patient. Because the domestic conflicts are too serious, the national strength has been greatly depleted in the internal strife. Coupled with the combat effectiveness of the Austro-Hungarian army, it is really unflattering. Therefore, the German ministers did not believe in the fighting power of the Austro-Hungarian Empire. Even if the Austro-Hungarian Empire fought with Germany, its role in the war was very limited.

As for the Kingdom of Italy, they are even more unreliable. Although Italy joined the Allies, they were only doing it for the benefit. It is very difficult to really ask them to contribute their strength.

"Okay, Prince, I already know your opinion, and I will consider it carefully." William II said.

"Uh, yes, Royal Father!" William II was taken aback, a trace of shame and anger flashed across his face, but he had no choice but to say no more.

"Minister of the Navy, if our navy goes to war, can it break the blockade of the British navy?" William II asked.

As the emperor of the Second German Empire, William II was naturally very aware of the most important factors restricting Germany. Once Germany was blocked by the British Navy, it lost its overseas trade lines. At the same time, the war has been unable to win for a long time. If it falls into a stalemate, it will be a disaster for Germany.

"My Majesty, the German Navy is undergoing rapid development. At present, we have four 'Brandenburg-class' battleships, five 'Kaiser Friedrich III-class' battleships, five 'Weichersbach-class' battleships, two 'Brunswick-class' battleships have been completed, and three more are under construction. Five 'Deutschland-class' battleships have also started construction." Marshal Count Tirpitz introduced.

Among the many capital ships of the German Navy, 16 ships have now been completed. Eight more are under construction. Once completed, the German Navy would have twenty-four battleships.

Of course, these battleships are all former dreadnoughts. Not only is the defense weak and the speed is slow, but the main gun firepower is also divided into two levels.

"However, our enemy, the Royal Navy of the British Empire, currently has eight 'Sovereign-class' battleships, two 'Barfleur-class' battleships, one 'Prestige-class' battleship, nine 'Majesty-class' battleships, six 'Old Man Star' battleship, three 'Formidable-class' battleships, five 'London-class' battleships, six 'Duncan-class' battleships. In addition, there are two 'Fast Class' battleships under construction. Five 'Edward-class' battleships The VII class' battleships are also being built. The plan for this class of battleships is to build eight ships, and the construction of the other three will be started one after another. Therefore, the British Navy now has a total of 41 battleships that have been built, and ten more The battleship is under construction and construction will start one after another," said Marshal Earl Tirpitz expressionlessly.

Everyone present here turned pale. The strength of the British navy is really too strong. Compared with the German Navy, the gap is really too big. Even if all the existing battleships of the German Navy are in service, compared with the British Navy, they are only half or even less than the opponent's. Such a gap makes the German Navy undoubtedly face considerable pressure. Once war breaks out, it will undoubtedly be more difficult for the German navy to defeat the British navy and break the British navy's blockade of Germany.

Not to mention, Germany's old enemy, France, also has a not weak navy. Although it is not as good as Germany, it is also not to be underestimated. In contrast to the two, the disadvantage of the German Navy is even greater.

Chapter 37: navy bill

Although the German navy has developed very rapidly over the years, compared with the established maritime powers, their disadvantages are still very obvious. Among other things, Germany is

completely at a disadvantage in terms of the number of battleships alone. Once a war breaks out, the consequences can be imagined.

After listening to the words of Marshal Earl Tirpitz, the top German leaders were deeply hit. In such a disadvantaged situation, they want to ask the navy to break the blockade of the British navy, which is obviously difficult for the strong.

Crown Prince William bowed his head like a defeated rooster and remained silent. Only now did he realize that he seemed overly optimistic about Germany's military power. The strength of Germany's enemies should not be underestimated either!

"Gentlemen, there is no doubt that our enemy's military power is very strong. And the gap between us and them is also very large. Although, we are still catching up. However, if we want to catch up with them, That would take a lot of time. Therefore, at present we must avoid fighting the enemy as much as possible," William II said.

With William II's stubborn and conceited character, if he could win, he would certainly not hold back. It is precisely because they know that if they start a war, the chances of winning will be very small, so they forbear in every possible way, and there is no way to do it.

"I didn't expect that the gap between the navy and the British would be so large. It seems that it is necessary to increase investment in the navy. If the German navy can not be inferior to the British navy, will the British dare to support the French unscrupulously?" William II thought secretly.

The reason why the German navy was able to grow rapidly and even make the British, the maritime hegemon, feel the crisis was precisely because of the strong support of William II. However, because of the late start, William II faced great difficulties in catching up with the British Navy.

King William II suddenly thought, isn't Qin Tian's German shipyard undergoing expansion? It is expected that the construction of a new battleship will start soon. William II is also very clear about Qin Tian's recent actions. After investing huge sums of money in the German shipyard, Qin Tian reached a cooperation agreement with the Kruger company, allowing Krupp to provide armor and large-caliber main guns. At the same time, Sulzer Boiler Company was asked to provide oil-fired boilers, as well as the German Engine Manufacturing Company established by Qin Tian himself. All of this is undoubtedly paving the way for the construction of new battleships.

William II was very moved and gratified that Qin Tian was able to make such a great career. He never thought that his son, who was the least valued and who was always thought to be a fool to eat and wait to die, would actually show such an outstanding talent. It has even overshadowed the brilliance of other sons, and even Crown Prince William cannot compare with him. If it weren't for Crown Prince William being his eldest son, William II would think that Qin Tian would be more suitable to be the Crown Prince of the empire than Crown Prince William.

Of course, such a thought is only fleeting. It is impossible for William II to deprive Crown Prince William of his right of succession. Unless Crown Prince William himself is unable to fulfill the obligations of the Crown Prince. Such as serious illness, or death, etc. Otherwise, after a hundred years of William II, Crown Prince William will be the emperor of the German Empire, and it is impossible to change this point.

"Your Majesty, judging from the current situation, if we go to war, our chances of winning will be very small. Therefore, I think we should exercise restraint!" Prime Minister Bernhard von Bülow suggested.

Although, this is an unacceptable result. However, the current situation is like this. No matter how dissatisfied they are, for the sake of the overall situation, they can only endure it!

"Yes, Your Majesty. Temporary forbearance is so that we can defeat all our enemies next time." Little Maoqi also said.

Although the German army is powerful, it would be difficult to support without the cooperation of the navy.

William II nodded: "Well, let's leave it at that for the time being! On the Morocco issue, we try our best to avoid further aggravation of the conflict. However, on the surface, we must not show weakness to them, otherwise, they will make progress. In addition, our interests in Morocco must be guaranteed as much as possible."

"Yes, Your Majesty!" Everyone replied.

Qin Tian didn't pay too much attention to the Morocco crisis. Anyway, he already knew the result. Although Germany's attitude has become more and more tough, and even began to deploy heavy troops on the border. However, anyone with a discerning eye knows that this is nothing more than a bluff.

With the support of the British and Russians, the French are full of confidence. In the face of Germany's tough attitude, a tit-for-tat response was carried out. This also made the situation in Europe even more tense.

On November 18, 1905, the expansion project of the Deutsche Shipyard was completed. By recruiting a large number of engineers and skilled workers, the technical accumulation of the German shipyard in the construction of large warships has almost been completed. What they lack is nothing but practical experience.

The next day, Qin Tian rushed to the Deutschland Shipyard and presided over the groundbreaking ceremony of the "Nassau-class" battleship. Four battleships were under construction on four large berths at the same time.

Of course, due to technical and experience reasons, the construction progress of the German shipyard will be relatively slow. But as long as the relevant technologies are fully understood through this construction, there is nothing to worry about.

The time Qin Tian set for Brutt was before November 1907, and all four battleships had to be launched.

If Qin Tian remembers correctly, the battleship "HMS Dreadnought" of the British Navy officially entered service on December 3, 1907. And, that's why it takes a lot of time to test out new equipment. However, the German side should have learned the relevant information about the "Dreadnought" battleship earlier than this. If the "Nassau-class" battleship can be launched at that time, it will be a

boost to the German Navy. There will be no problem for the Navy to accept the "Nassau-class" battleship as the next-level capital ship of the Navy.

In January 1906, the Algeciras Conference was held. As Britain and Russia supported France, the conference concluded with a treaty in favor of France. Recognizes Morocco's independence, but also recognizes French and Spanish police control over Morocco. However, France is also committed to Germany's interests in Morocco, which must be guaranteed. German capital can enter Morocco.

The news was sent back to Germany, and the German people were excited.

Under tremendous pressure, the German Parliament took a break from the "Navy Law" and formed the first amendment. According to the content of this amendment, the German Navy's shipbuilding budget for the next ten years will be increased to 940 million marks. Starting from the following year, two battleships and one large cruiser (battlecruiser) will be built every year. By 1917, the German Navy will have a powerful fleet with 38 battleships, 20 large cruisers, and 38 small cruisers as the main force. This is an important milestone for the German Navy to formally challenge its maritime supremacy, and it is also a powerful counterattack by the Germans against the "Shame of Algeciras"-German public opinion cannot point the finger at Wilhelm II's decision-making mistakes, but puts this This defeat was attributed to the arbitrary intervention of countries such as Britain and Spain. If Germany had a fleet capable of competing with the Royal Navy, this tragedy would not have happened. Because the Algeciras resolution seriously damaged Germany's capital interests in Morocco and damaged the growing self-esteem of the Germans, everyone from big capitalists to soldiers and civilians in Germany demanded to speed up the construction of the navy with a shameful mentality.

Chapter 38: dreadnought era

On February 10, 1906, at Portsmouth Naval Shipyard, England, a grand launching ceremony was being held for a warship. Even Sir Fisher, Lord of the Admiralty, had come from London. The generals of the British navy came even more. It can be seen that the British Navy is full of expectations for this battleship.

This battleship is the most cutting-edge first-class battleship of the British Navy-the battleship 'Dreadnought'. The first keel of this battleship was only laid on October 2 last year. However, it was launched in just over four months. Such a construction speed is a miracle. Of course, except for the British Navy's shipyard, no other shipyard is estimated to have such a speed.

"Minister of the Navy, so far, our construction work has been very smooth. After the warship is launched, the outfitting will begin immediately. It is expected to wait another six months to eight months before the construction can be completed and sea trials will begin. We only In one year, the most powerful battleship in the world was built." The director of the naval shipyard said proudly.

Indeed, their shipbuilding speed has completely set a new record. Of course, the British shipyards have accumulated a lot of shipbuilding experience, which is far ahead of other countries in the world in this regard. At the same time, the performance of the battleship "Dreadnought" is not outstanding among many dreadnoughts. However, as the world's first full-heavy artillery battleship, the launching of the battleship "Dreadnought" is also of epoch-making significance.

Sir Fisher looked at the huge battleship on the berth, and nodded in satisfaction. This time, the British Navy once again leads the world. The battleship they built first will make all battleships in other countries in the world obsolete overnight.

The battleship 'Dreadnought' adopts the long forecastle ship shape, and the underwater ram angle of the bow is cancelled. The biggest difference between the "Intrepid" and previous battleships is the introduction of the "All-Big-Gun" concept, which uses 10 12-inch main guns of the same model and consistent ballistic performance. Five twin-mounted main gun turrets, one at the bow and one at the stern, and one at the rear of the boiler room in the midship of the hull, are arranged on the centerline of the hull; between the two boiler rooms, one is symmetrically arranged on each side. The maximum firepower of the whole ship is 8 main guns on the side, and the forward firepower is theoretically 6 main guns, and the firepower advantage is doubled. The main gun with consistent ballistic performance makes it possible to adopt a unified fire control system. The secondary battery only retains guns with a caliber below 3 inches to defend against small torpedo ships. 'Intrepid' used 4 steam turbine units for the first time on a large warship. Faster than any previous battleship. While the maximum speed is increased to 21 knots, it can maintain high-speed sailing for a long time and maintain good reliability. Compared with the old reciprocating steam unit, the power is higher and the reliability is higher. The defensive armor of the "Dreadnought" is not inferior to any previous warship. The armor is surface-hardened, and the armor thickness of important parts reaches 11 inches, providing comprehensive protection capabilities. The watertight cabin under the waterline of the hull cabin cancels the horizontal connecting door, strengthens the watertight structure, and improves the anti-sinking ability of the warship.

The ceremony soon began, and Sir Fisher delivered a speech: "Gentlemen, the Royal Navy of the British Empire has been the most powerful navy in the world for hundreds of years. We provide the colonies of the British Empire around the world with In order to protect it, it also deters other countries. However, we must see that after entering the 20th century, other countries were unwilling to be controlled by the British Empire, and began to increase their investment in the navy. But what we are proud of is , the navy of the British Empire is still the number one in the world. And it will remain the number one in the world for a long time to come. Our number of battleships is more than twice that of our main opponent, the Germans. And now , we are about to usher in one of the most powerful battleships in the world. This will make the Royal Navy of the British Empire continue to be strong, and no one can challenge us! Long live the British Empire! God bless the British Empire!"

"Long live! God bless the British Empire!" Countless naval officers, soldiers and shipyard workers cheered. They are proud and proud of the strength of the British Empire.

The battleship 'Intrepid', which has completed the main construction, slowly slid into the sea. When entering the water, a large wave of water was splashed on the sea surface. The hull also shook, as if it was about to capsize. However, a good shot allowed the hull to balance quickly.

Bottles of champagne hit the hull of the battleship 'Intrepid', and the entire launching ceremony reached a climax.

Sir Fisher did not stay much time in the Naval Shipyard. After the ceremony, he returned directly to London to report to Prime Minister Sir Henry Campbell Benavan on the situation of the battleship 'Dreadnought'.

The British Prime Minister is also very concerned about the construction of the Navy's new battleships. After all, the British Empire is a sea power country, and the strength of the navy is directly related to the fate of the country.

That night, Prime Minister Sir Benavin specially set aside some time after dinner to listen to Sir Fisher's report.

"Sit down, Lord of the Admiralty. How about our new battleship?" asked Sir Benavan.

"Your Excellency, although it has only just begun to be launched, I have to say that it is really a great battleship. I am sure that when she enters service, the whole world will be shocked by it. In this ship On the battleship, we have adopted a lot of new design concepts. I am sure that her emergence will make all the previous battleships obsolete overnight. Of course, not only our opponent's battleships, but also Our own battleships." Sir Fisher looked confident.

The British Navy has the largest battleship in the world, with dozens of battleships cruising the world's oceans, protecting the overseas interests of the British Empire. It can be said that it is these huge battleships that effectively maintain Britain's overseas colonies and at the same time ensure the normal operation of the world colonial system built by Britain. So that the British Empire can still dominate the world.

Sir Benarvin nodded in satisfaction: "That would be the best. Although, it also made dozens of our battleships obsolete at the same time. However, it doesn't matter. The British Empire has enough financial resources to maintain a A powerful navy. Our shipbuilding capabilities ensure that we can quickly build more battleships in order to further guarantee our advantages."

Chapter 39: Slap in the face (ask for collection)

Sufficient financial resources, coupled with strong shipbuilding capabilities and high-quality naval personnel, have enabled the German Navy to dominate the world's oceans for hundreds of years, ahead of other navies.

During the period, powerful enemies challenged their maritime supremacy many times. But in the end they all fell into the sand. Sea power is still firmly in the hands of the British Empire. And this also enabled Britain to occupy the largest colony in the world. Great profit returns for the UK.

"Your Excellency the Minister of the Navy, I really want to know the expressions of the Germans. If they know that their battleships that have been built or are under construction are all obsolete, William II will probably go crazy with anger! You know, for the sake of development For the navy, the Germans put almost the last mark into it. As a result, the battleships built turned into rubbish." Sir Benavan laughed wildly, arrogantly.

Germany's industrial strength has surpassed that of the United Kingdom. If the British hadn't had a vast colony as a market for product dumping, they would have been unable to resist it long ago. And Germany's large investment in the navy made the British feel a great crisis. After all, they started their business by occupying sea power. The Germans tried in vain to challenge the sea power of the British Empire, which naturally made them unacceptable.

"Your Excellency, you don't need to think about it, you know that William II will be furious." Sir Fisher also had a smile on his face. When it comes to dealing with Germany, the members of the British cabinet all hold the same attitude. That is, in order to protect the interests of the British Empire, Germany must be suppressed at all costs. Only in this way, the hegemony of the British Empire will be stable.

"However, Your Excellency the Minister of the Navy, I am afraid that our new battleship cannot be kept secret for a long time. German spies are everywhere." Sir Benavan was a little worried. He naturally hoped that this new type of battleship could remain mysterious. In that case, once war breaks out, they will easily defeat the German navy and ensure the sea power of the British Empire.

"Your Excellency Prime Minister, it is almost impossible to keep it completely secret. Especially after the battleship is launched. Such a big guy, floating on the sea, is like a hill. Unless the German spies are fools, otherwise if so, they will probably know soon." Sir Fisher looked embarrassed.

"So, Your Excellency the Secretary of the Navy, do we have any means to deal with it?" Sir Benavan asked.

"Your Excellency, even if the Germans know that we are building a new type of battleship and they took pictures of it, so what? They want to obtain the data of our new type of battleship for a while, that is not very possible. Even if they start shooting right away, it will take a year or two. It will be several years before their new battleships are completed and put into service. By then, we have already started building new battleships in batches. The construction of the new battleships of the next level has already begun. We are more than one step ahead of the Germans. By then, the gap will only widen, not narrow." Sir Fisher smiled.

Sir Benavan nodded. He was relieved after hearing what Sir Fisher said.

"Your Excellency Prime Minister, we have completed the design of the next-level 'Bellerophon-class' battleship, and construction is expected to start in the second half of the year. At that time, three ships will be built at one time. And the next-level battleship The design is also in progress. In addition, our artillery factory is conducting research on the 13.5-inch naval gun. This will be the main gun of our next batch of battleships. If we say, we will use the 12-inch main gun if the battleship with a 13.5-inch main gun is named a dreadnought, then the battleship with a 13.5-inch main gun will be a super dreadnought!" Sir Fisher said.

"Very good, very good! We need to continue to maintain our advantage over the Germans. This advantage must not only be reflected in the number of capital ships, but also in quality. We must completely cut off the Germans from challenging our sea power if they dare to put it into action, we will completely wipe out their navy and make them unable to turn around forever!" Sir Benavan said domineeringly.

"Yes, Your Excellency the Prime Minister. The Navy will definitely do this." Sir Fisher was full of confidence.

Germany's intelligence collection work in the UK is indeed very good. The German Army and Navy both have intelligence agencies operating in the UK. Of course, the focus of the two sides is different. In

particular, after the German Navy took challenging the British Navy's world hegemony as its goal, it increased its intelligence collection on the British Navy.

The launching and outfitting of the battleship "Dreadnought" is also a major event within the British Navy. Although, the British Admiralty requires strict secrecy. However, where in the world is there an impenetrable wall. The news of the launching of a new battleship of the British Navy was quickly learned by the intelligence department of the German Navy. And, after spending a little time and cost, I got the relevant data of the battleship 'Dreadnought'.

When this information was sent back to the German Admiralty, Marshal Earl Tirpitz became angry on the spot.

"The guys from the Naval Technical Committee are really idiots? The design plan rejected by them has become the next-level battleship of the British. If it weren't for them, maybe our next-level new battleship would be launched sooner or later." , it's not far away! This is a rare opportunity to narrow the gap with the British Navy!" Marshal Earl Tirpitz was very sorry. At the same time very self-blame. When Qin Tian's design was rejected by the Naval Technical Committee, if he had been tougher and fought for Qin Tian, the result might have been very different now.

"Hmph! But this time, those old-fashioned guys in the Naval Committee will probably have their faces swollen!" Marshal Earl Tirpitz sneered.

Such information is of course impossible to hide from William II. When the Navy's intelligence department received relevant information, it immediately informed William II.

"Trash! Those guys from the Naval Technical Committee are all trash? There are so many of them, and they claim to have so much experience in the shipbuilding field, but they can't even compare with a teenager. It's a joke!" William II said in In his office, he was furious.

He ordered the imperial meeting to be held immediately, and at the same time, Count von Warren, chairman of the Naval Technical Committee, was also asked to attend. Of course, this is definitely not good news for the entire Navy Technical Committee.

Chapter 40: name rectification

King William II sat in his seat, his face somber as if it was about to drip water. The launch of the British Navy's "Dreadnought" battleship dealt a huge blow to the German Navy.

"Everyone, what do you think of the launching of the battleship 'Dreadnought' of the British Navy for outfitting?" William II looked at everyone blankly. The anger in his eyes couldn't be concealed.

"Your Majesty, the battleship secretly developed by the British in recent years is probably the Dreadnought." Marshal Earl Tirpitz sighed.

"Your Majesty, the British have adopted many advanced design concepts on this new battleship. The most important point is to cancel the secondary main guns and adopt the deployment of full-heavy artillery. However, this is not the same as Prince Oscar's original design. The suggestion is exactly the same. On the British battleship 'Dreadnought', five twin-mounted 305mm main guns were installed. One on the front and rear decks, and one behind the boiler room in the midship of the hull, arranged on the centerline of the hull. ; Between the two boiler rooms, one on each side is symmetrically arranged. The

maximum firepower of the whole ship is 8 main guns, and the forward firepower is theoretically 6 main guns. But I personally think that the design of Prince Oscar seems to be better. The three triple-mounted 305mm main guns can all shoot to the side, making the firepower of the side more powerful. Moreover, the triple-mounted main guns are more compact than the double-mounted main guns, making the defense of the battleship stronger. said Prince Heinrich, commander of the High Seas Fleet.

Prince Heinrich's words immediately made Count von Warren, chairman of the Naval Technical Committee, even darker. Who told them to veto Qin Tian's plan? It's a good thing now, but the British use a similar design as their navy's secret weapon. Doesn't this mean that their vision is higher than that of the British? But is this possible? Therefore, this time the entire Naval Technical Committee was slapped in the face. It's all swollen!

Beads of sweat appeared on Count von Warren's forehead. He knew that because of this serious mistake, William II was very dissatisfied with the entire Harbin Wine Technical Committee. Of course, Count von Warren was also very aggrieved and rejected Qin Tian's design. This was the decision of the experts of the Naval Technical Committee. Even though he is the chairman of the Naval Technical Committee, he still needs to follow the opinions of these experts in terms of professional work.

"Your Majesty, do the British really intend to use the battleship 'Dreadnought' as a model for the development of future naval capital ships?" asked the Chief of General Staff Xiao Maoqi. He also felt that on this issue, the German side seemed to have made a dozen mistakes.

"Judging from the information obtained so far, it can be confirmed. The British are already designing the next level of battleships based on the battleship 'Dreadnought'. This makes the battleships we have built and even those still on the berth already obsolete." Wilhelm II sighed.

In order to pursue a powerful navy, Germany has invested huge sums of money, and only then has the construction plan for a total of 24 battleships of five tiers. Now, the entire construction program is almost complete. But what is unacceptable is that these battleships have become obsolete overnight. Doesn't this show that Germany's huge investment in shipbuilding plans is simply in vain? William II's ambitions for maritime supremacy have become a complete joke. From this, we can feel the anger and unwillingness of William II.

"Your Majesty, it is indeed the mistake of the Naval Technical Committee this time. Our thinking is too rigid to see clearly the future development direction of naval battleships." Count von Warren said with his head down.

Although, their faces have been swollen. However, at this time, he still had to admit his mistake. Who made them ignore this issue at all?

"Your Majesty, the most important issue now is not to pursue the responsibility of the Naval Technical Committee, but to think about how to make up for this serious mistake. The British battleship 'Dreadnought' has made all our battleships obsolete. If we don't think of a way, this will seriously damage our naval development." Prime Minister Bernhard von Bülow said.

If William II insists on holding on to the responsibility of the Naval Technical Committee, this will make the Naval Technical Committee do not know how many people have been implicated. Of course, this will also cause great turmoil in the German Navy and even in Germany, which is not conducive to

the social stability of the Empire. Prime Minister Bernhard von Bülow naturally hoped to minimize the impact.

"Hmph! Let's talk about what we should do now? The gap between the Imperial Navy and the British Navy has not narrowed, but has expanded. This will be very detrimental to the Empire!" William II said coldly snort.

All eyes were on Count von Warren's face. Everyone naturally knows what the best solution is? But everyone is also waiting for the statement of the Naval Technical Committee.

Count von Warren knew this too. He knew that it would be impossible not to make a statement now.

"Alas! This time the Naval Technical Committee is really ashamed and humiliated!" Earl von Warren sighed inwardly.

"Your Majesty, from the current point of view, the design of His Royal Highness Prince Oscar is obviously the best choice for the next-level capital ship of the German Navy. His Highness has a far-sighted vision than us old fellows. This time, we must not Dissatisfaction has also given us a deeper understanding of the future development of naval capital ships. When the British took the battleship 'Dreadnought' as a sample for the development of future naval capital ships, we can completely use His Royal Highness Prince Oscar's Design as the next-level capital ship of the Imperial Navy, and on this basis, design the future naval capital ship. In this way, we will not be left too far behind by the British in the navy." Count von Warren said .

Although he tried his best to maintain his peaceful expression, everyone could see that he was trying his best to endure.

"Your Majesty, although this has delayed more than a year, if we catch up, we should be able to catch up. Moreover, it can even shorten the gap between us and the British. Design by His Royal Highness Prince Oscar From the performance point of view, the battleships of the British Navy seem to be a little more advanced than the battleship 'Dreadnought' of the British Navy." Prince Heinrich, commander of the High Seas Fleet, suggested.